GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:47
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Development of Ports
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new sea ports proposed to be developed by the year 2020 along with the present status thereof;
(b) the funds allocated/released/utilized for the development of these ports;
(c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to improve sea port security;
(d) whether there is any plan to modernise the old established sea ports; and
(e) if so, the policy being followed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 47 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2015 RAISED BY SHRI KUNWAR BHARATENDRA SINGH REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF PORTS.

(a) Yes, Madam. The Government has decided to set up two new Major Ports one each at Sagar in West Bengal and Durgarajapatnam in Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh under PPP mode. Present status of the two Ports are as follows :

Dugarajapatnam Port:

? Project Development Cost is estimated to be Rs. 17615 crs. Phase I expenditure is estimated to be Rs. 6091 crs.
? Though originally the Land Cost, rehabilitation and resettlement cost and external infrastructure cost were to be borne by the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, the State Govt. has expressed its inability to bear these costs which has impacted the viability of the Project.
? Ministry of Shipping has instructed Vishakhapatnam Port to prepare a revised feasibility report for the project in view of the State Govt.'s decision not to meet the cost of the land, R&R and external infrastructure cost.

Sagar Port

? National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDC) has been tasked to conduct a study to explore the appropriate technology option for connectivity to Sagar Island.
? Regarding Port component, consultants have been engaged for revalidation of the Feasibility Report of Sagar Port earlier prepared by M/s RITES.

Apart from the above two Ports, Ministry of Shipping is implementing the Sagarmala Project under which the Project consultants have been asked to identify 5-6 new port locations. On June 5, 2015 Jawaharlal Nehru Port has signed an MoU with Govt. of Maharashtra to develop a satellite Port at Dahanu in Maharashtra.

(b) Till date Rs. 5.107 crores and Rs. 5.50 crores has been spent on preliminary studies for Sagar Port and Dugarajapatnam Port respectively.

(c) On the directions of Ministry of Shipping, all Major Ports have placed orders for Radiation Detection Equipments (RDEs) with ECIL. Department of Revenue has also issued sanction for installation of mobile Gamma Ray Scanners and fixed X-ray scanners at various Major Ports. The steps taken by the Government to provide security at Major Ports include:

(i) Deployment of CISF in all the Major Ports.
(ii) Issuance of biometric I-cards.
(iii) Acquisition of Speed Boat & Patrolling Boats.
(iv) Installation of CCTVs.
(v) Strict compliance to International Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code)

(d)&(e): Yes, Madam. The Government has undertaken measures to modernise the Ports including the following:

(i) Construction of new berths and terminals
(ii) Various expansion/upgradation projects for berths.
(iii) Installation of new and modern cargo handling equipments.
(iv) Deepening draught in Ports to handle larger vessels.
(v) Installation of Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) for smooth movement of vessels.
(vi) Implementation of Web-based Port community system.

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